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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Pruitt at 9:00 a.m. A quorum present—39:

Mr. President	Dockery	Margolis
Alexander	Fasano	Oelrich
Aronberg	Gaetz	Peaden
Atwater	Garcia	Posey
Baker	Geller	Rich
Bennett	Haridopolos	Ring
Bullard	Hill	Saunders
Carlton	Jones	Siplin
Constantine	Joyner	Storms
Crist	Justice	Villalobos
Dawson	King	Webster
Deutch	Lawson	Wilson
Diaz de la Portilla	Lynn	Wise

Excused: Senator Argenziano

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Rev. James T. Golden, Ward Temple A.M.E. Church, Bradenton:

Good morning. We include consideration this morning in our prayer and in our thoughts for Representative Stan Mayfield from the other chamber. We invite you to consider him and his family at this time. Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, provider and protector of each and all of us, creator of each and all of our days and lives, and crafter of each and all of our destinies and directions; we who come from the far left and those who come from the far right and those who come from just being far out and those who have come too far from where we started and who won't turn back now, we thank you for allowing the moon and the stars to hang in the midnight sky last night and spangle the darkness with its beauty.

We thank you for lifting the sun over the horizon this morning to scatter the shadows away and to usher in another wonderful day that we have never seen before.

We thank you for painting the sky blue and the grass green and for the many other hues and colors that you have used to paint today with its portion of promise and problems.

We thank you for filling the morning air with the sounds of birds singing sweetly in the trees, whose leaves rustle gently in the breezes that blow across the length and breadth of the land. As we listen to the rolling thunder, crashing waves, and the mighty crescendo of the voices of people from everywhere, we are humbly reminded of "How Great Thou Art."

Finally, we thank you for touching us with a loving hand of grace and mercy this morning and by your will allowing our eyes to be opened to see the goodness of God in the land of the living one more time; allowing us to be clothed in our right minds with an honorable portion of life, health, and love; and allotting to our limbs a goodly measure of strength to plant our feet on untrembling ground, rise to meet the tasks of this day, and move by your grace to be a part of this assembly, at this hour, for this time of deliberation, representation, and legislation of, for, and by the people of this great state.

Now Father, have mercy on us this morning and keep us ever reminded of your will and your way for us today, tomorrow, and forever.

As we continue our work in this building today, sitting on these comfortable chairs behind these beautiful desks, making the many decisions that will transform millions of lives, from time to time, gently bring into our thinking the immutable fact that it all, and we all, belong to you. And only what we do for you in faith, hope and love will last.

Fill our ears with direction, right now.
Fill our voices with power, right now.
Fill our hands with purpose, right now.
Fill our eyes with vision, right now.
Fill our minds with conscience, right now.
Fill our hearts with compassion, right now.
Fill our souls with commitment, right now.

A charge to keep we have
A God to glorify
A never-dying soul to save
And fit it for the sky,
To serve, to serve, to serve, to serve, to serve the present age
Our calling to fulfill.
O may it all our powers engage
To do our Father's will.

And together the people of God said, Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages Geoffrey Buckland of Cocoa Beach; Adam Carr of Gainesville; Kathryn Mineer of Tampa; and Anna Sadler of Jacksonville, led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. William Meadows of Tampa, sponsored by Senator Crist, as doctor of the day. Dr. Meadows specializes in Emergency Medicine.

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATOR

Senator Rich introduced former Senator Howard Forman, Clerk of the Court, Broward County, who was present in the chamber.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Senator Lawson—

By Senator Lawson—

SR 844—A resolution recognizing March 21, 2007, as “FAMU Day” in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is a 4-year, historically black university offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, which seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups, and

WHEREAS, for more than 120 years FAMU has provided immeasurable educational opportunities that have enhanced the quality of life for young men and women, and

WHEREAS, in 2006, FAMU was named the No. 1 College for African Americans by Black Enterprise, and today more African-American students earn their bachelor's degrees at FAMU than at any other American university, and

WHEREAS, the University encompasses 13 colleges and schools and two institutes: Arts and Sciences; Education; Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Engineering; Allied Health Sciences; Architecture; Business and Industry; General Studies; Journalism and Graphic Communication; Nursing; Law; Graduate Studies and Research; Environmental Sciences Institute; and the Institute of Public Health, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is the top producer of African-American Ph.D's in physics and the top producer of black pharmacists in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the FAMU faculty has secured more than 300 active grants and contracts from federal, state, and private sources, representing research, community service, and scholarly projects, and

WHEREAS, FAMU operates the only research center in Florida for the study of plasmas and plasma technology, and

WHEREAS, in November 2006, FAMU captured its sixth consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Volleyball Championship title, and, in December 2006, FAMU High School won the 1B State Football Championship, and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2007, Florida A&M University's Marching “100” band performed in Super Bowl XLI in Miami Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate recognizes March 21, 2007, as “FAMU Day” in Tallahassee, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr. Castell Vaughn Bryant, Interim President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was introduced out of order and read by title. On motion by Senator Lawson, **SR 844** was read the second time in full and adopted.

On motion by Senator Bullard—

By Senator Bullard—

SR 2430—A resolution acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, to the people of Florida, and recognizing March 18-20, 2007, as “The 13th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol.”

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a public service organization founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 outstanding women at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, nearly 6 weeks after its founding, the first public act of the sorority was its participation in the Women's Suffrage March demanding voting rights for women, and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a sisterhood of college-educated women committed to implementing the sorority's mission through its Five-Point Program Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2007, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, celebrated 94 years of exemplary service and support to local communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues, supporting quality education, and producing new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and

WHEREAS, the membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, exceeds 200,000 college-educated women nationally and 950 chapters worldwide--47 chapters located in Florida and the Bahamas--with women who are focused and visible as corporate and civic leaders, productive public officials, acclaimed academicians, and activists in their own right, and

WHEREAS, the Beta Alpha, Kappa Epsilon, Tallahassee Alumnae, and Gadsden County Alumnae Chapters initiated an opportunity for Deltas to meet with Florida Legislators to voice issues of concern annually, and hosted the 1st Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol in March of 1995, and

WHEREAS, for the past 12 years, the sorority's Florida chapters have conducted “Delta Days at the Florida Capitol” to provide information to state legislators and government executives, assisting in developing public policy; hosting a reception for state legislators and government executives; and monitoring the progress of pending legislation related to significant public policy issues, and

WHEREAS, Desinda “Dee” Wood-Carper, 2007 D.D.A.C Chairwoman, and Yolanda Cash Jackson and Sha'ron James, 2007 D.D.A.C Co-Chairs, under the leadership of Heddie M. Sumpter, Regional Social Action Coordinator, will introduce the Inaugural Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Luncheon: “A Tribute to Deltas in Public Service,” recognizing the contributions that members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, have made locally, regionally, and nationally in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, on March 18-20, 2007, the members of the 47 chapters of the Sorority that now serve Florida and the Bahamas will converge on Tallahassee to conduct The 13th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol, focusing on a theme of “Leadership, Advocacy, and Empowerment” in taking social action and delivering public services, and

WHEREAS, Senator Larcenia J. Bullard, Senator Arthenia L. Joyner, Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Representative Audrey Gibson, and Representative Joyce Cusack are esteemed members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate commends Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for its contributions to the people of Florida, and recognizes March 18-20, 2007, as “The 13th Annual Delta Days at the Florida Capitol.”

—was introduced out of order and read by title. On motion by Senator Bullard, **SR 2430** was read the second time in full and adopted.

At the request of Senator Saunders—

By Senator Saunders—

SR 256—A resolution recognizing the Naples Braves, winners of the 2006 Junior Little League Girls Softball World Championship in the 13- and 14-year-old division.

WHEREAS, the Naples Girls Softball Little League 13- and 14-year-old division achieved its 14th World Championship and brought home

the 18th Championship for the entire league at the 2006 World Series in Kirkland, Washington, in August, and

WHEREAS, the Naples Braves Junior Softball Little League may go down in history as the most dominant defensive team to play Little League Softball with 16 shutouts, 9 no-hitters (3 of them perfect games), 6 one-hitters, and only 5 runs surrendered all summer, and

WHEREAS, outstanding skill, sportsmanship, and competitiveness have been characteristic of Braves teammates Ragan Ball, Meaghan Barry, Hilary Brown, Chelsea Buchman, Ryan Iamurri, Symone Iamurri, Erin Olson, Erika Parry, Kaitlyn Raile, Kiley Stoll, Savannah Strohmeier, Jaclyn Traina, Cody Wipperman, and of their coaches, Robert Iamurri, Rocky Iamurri, and Craig Buchman, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate commends the Naples Braves for the honor and pride they have brought to this state by their outstanding dedication and performance as athletes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Naples Braves Softball Team as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—SR 256 was introduced, read and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Wilson—

By Senator Wilson—

SR 1702—A resolution recognizing March 13, 2007, as “Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day.”

WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential to regulate the body by water and other chemicals in your blood, remove fluids, waste, toxins, and drugs introduced to the body, release hormones that regulate blood pressure, make red blood cells, and promote strong bones, and

WHEREAS, more than 1.8 million Floridians, about one in nine adults, suffer from chronic kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, of the 19,000 Floridians afflicted with end-stage renal disease, approximately 40 percent are African-American and 16 percent are Hispanic, and

WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up to two-thirds of the cases, and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Florida has a health-screening program to identify people early for kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Florida is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation, and

WHEREAS, early detection including regular reporting of the glomerular filtration rate, currently the best indication of kidney disease staging, can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure, which requires continual dialysis or a kidney transplant in order to maintain life, and

WHEREAS, the cost of treatment for kidney disease patients is disproportionately higher than any other chronic disease, and

WHEREAS, most patients who have end-stage renal disease rely primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of their life-sustaining care that includes dialysis treatment, medications, laboratory testing, and, as necessary, transportation services to the dialysis facility, and as a consequence, any changes in Medicare and Medicaid eligibility, will significantly put them at risk, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That March 13, 2007, is recognized as “Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day” in Florida in the hope that all possible support be

extended to chronic kidney disease patients in Florida, including expanding the scope of study at the Agency for Health Care Administration to include a study of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease.

—SR 1702 was introduced, read and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

By Senator Saunders—

CS for CS for SB 392—A bill to be entitled An act relating to watershed restoration; amending s. 215.619, F.S.; providing for expanded uses of bonds issued for Everglades restoration; amending s. 373.026, F.S.; providing certain requirements before the release of funds; amending s. 373.4595, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; providing a deadline and additional components for the Phase II Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan; prohibiting the disposal of wastewater residuals within the Lake Okeechobee watershed pursuant to certain conditions; providing for the inclusion of a water volume assessment in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Research and Water Quality Monitoring Program; creating the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Program; creating the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan; providing deadlines for plans submission; providing for required plan elements; creating the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Pollutant Control Program; providing requirements of the program; creating the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Research and Water Quality Monitoring Program; providing program requirements; creating the St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Plan; providing deadlines for plans submission; providing for required plan elements; creating the St. Lucie River Watershed Pollutant Control Program; providing requirements for the program; creating the St. Lucie Watershed Research and Water Quality Monitoring Program; providing program requirements; providing for the evaluation of the plans; providing for Legislative ratification of the plans; establishing a deadline for the establishment of total maximum daily loads for the Caloosahatchee River and estuary; providing for progress reports; providing rulemaking authority; amending s. 373.470, F.S.; providing definitions; expanding sources from which funds may be deposited into the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund; amending s. 373.472, F.S.; expanding authorized uses of funds deposited into the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund; extending the period of time in which funds may be deposited into the trust fund; providing for additional distributions from the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

SENATOR CONSTANTINE PRESIDING

Senator Saunders moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (100734)—On page 14, lines 7-11, delete those lines and insert: both the source and the regional level. The initial phase of phosphorus load reductions shall be based upon the district's Technical Publication 81-2 and the district's WOD program, with subsequent phases of phosphorus load reductions based upon the total maximum daily

Amendment 2 (053302)—On page 17, line 5, after “based” insert: , hybrid wetland / chemical and other innovative

Amendment 3 (703374)—On page 32, line 13, after the period (.) insert: The goal may be revised as new information is available.

Amendment 4 (112814)—On page 33, lines 2 and 3, delete those lines and insert: *Project.—To improve the hydrology, water quality, and aquatic habitats within the watershed, the district shall, no later than January 1, 2012,*

Amendment 5 (760326)—On page 34, line 5, and on page 38, line 5, after “based” insert: , hybrid wetland / chemical and other innovative

Amendment 6 (715736)—On page 35, lines 7-11, delete those lines and insert: *management practices within the watershed and shall require development of recommendations for structural, nonstructural, and operational improvements. Such recommendations shall consider and balance water supply, flood control, estuarine salinity, aquatic habitat, and water*

Amendment 7 (323302)—On page 37, delete line 4 and insert: *improve the hydrology, water quality, and aquatic habitats within the watershed, the*

Amendment 8 (332530)—On page 39, lines 7-11, delete those lines and insert: *practices within the watershed and shall require development of recommendations for structural, nonstructural, and operational improvements. Such recommendations shall consider and balance water supply, flood control, estuarine salinity, aquatic habitat, and water quality considerations.*

Amendment 9 (135566)—On page 47, line 25, after “of” delete “the chapter” and insert: *this section*

Amendment 10 (643408)—On page 51, line 29 through page 52, line 21, delete those lines and insert: *credits toward project components. The dollar value of in-kind project design and construction work by the district ~~local sponsors~~ in furtherance of the comprehensive plan and existing interest in public lands needed for a project component are credits towards the district's ~~local sponsors'~~ contributions.*

(b) The department shall distribute funds in the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund to the district in accordance with a legislative appropriation for debt service for Everglades restoration bonds.

(c) *To the extent that funds are available, the department may reserve a minimum of \$10 million dollars annually from the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund for the purpose of implementation of the River Watershed Protection Plans within the Northern Everglades as identified in s. 373.4595. Distribution of funds from the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund for the implementation of the River Watershed Protection Plans shall be in accordance with paragraph (a) and shall be equally matched by the district and Lee and Martin Counties by fiscal year 2019-2020 by providing funding or credits toward project components. The dollar value of in-kind project design and construction work by the district or the counties in furtherance of the River Watershed Protection Plans and existing interest in public lands needed for a project component are credits towards the district's and counties' contributions.*

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for SB 392** as amended was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

By Senator Alexander—

CS for CS for CS for SB 1372—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 487.041, F.S.; revising the registration requirements for brands of pesticide distributed or sold in the state; providing for expiration on a specified date of requirements for annual registration; providing for future biennial registration; revising the registration fee; requiring that proceeds of the fee be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund and used by the department to administer ch. 487, F.S.; providing for a fee to be imposed for late registration; amending ss. 500.03 and 500.147, F.S., relating to the Florida Food Safety Act; updating references for purposes of provisions governing the sale of bottled water and the operation of bottled water plants; redefining the term “food establishment” to include tomato packinghouses; amending s. 502.012, F.S.; revising and clarifying definitions; amending s. 502.014, F.S.; revising the department's rulemaking authority concerning lowfat cottage cheese; conforming terminology; amending s. 502.053, F.S.; revising the permitting requirements for certain milk plants; deleting a provision authorizing the department to issue a temporary permit to milk haulers; amending s. 502.054, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 502.091, F.S.; clarifying provisions governing the sale of milk and milk products; specifying the types of food establishments at which such products may be sold; providing requirements for the sale of cheese made from raw milk; repealing ss. 591.27-591.34, F.S., relating to the designation, marking, and cutting of seed trees; creating the Consumer Fireworks Task Force within the department for certain purposes; providing legislative findings; providing for task force membership and selection of chair and vice-chair; specifying serving without compensation; providing for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the department to staff the task force; requiring a report to the Legislature by a time certain; providing for abolition of the task force; prohibiting the opening or permitting of certain facilities for the retail sale of fireworks or the adoption of certain ordinances or other laws by local governments under specified conditions concerning the adoption of uniform fire prevention and safety

standards; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; authorizing personnel within the various divisions of the department to perform regulatory and inspection services relating to agriculture; requiring that the department adopt requirements for enhancing food safety; amending s. 570.48, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Fruit and Vegetables to perform food safety inspections with respect to tomatoes; amending s. 570.481, F.S.; requiring that fees collected by the department to cover the costs of tomato-related inspections be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund and used for specified purposes; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct research projects on citrus diseases which are recommended by the Florida Citrus Production Research Advisory Council, within appropriations for such purpose; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Jones moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (850912)—On page 16, line 22 through page 18, line 19, delete those lines and insert:

(d) *Local government regulation of the agricultural uses authorized by s. 791.07, Florida Statutes, may be inconsistent with legitimate agricultural purposes;*

(e) *There is a need for consumer education relating to safety standards in the use of consumer fireworks;*

(f) *There is a need for standards concerning tents and other temporary retail facilities selling consumer fireworks; and*

(g) *The state would benefit from additional funding for the training and education of fire officials.*

(2)(a) *The Consumer Fireworks Task Force is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the purpose of studying issues concerning the proper use of consumer fireworks, the regulation of sales and temporary sale facilities for consumer fireworks, the regulation of the hours and location of the use of consumer fireworks, the property zoning classifications for sale facilities for consumer fireworks, the funding options for fire official training and education, and funding options for cleanup of expended consumer fireworks products.*

(b)1. *The task force shall consist of eight members appointed as follows: two members appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be from a list of nominees recommended by the Florida League of Cities and one of whom must be a representative of the industry; two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be from a list of nominees recommended by the Florida Association of Counties and one of whom must be a representative of the industry; three members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, one of whom must be a representative of the Division of Forestry of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and one of whom must be a representative of the industry; and one member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer.*

2. *Members shall choose a chair and vice chair from the membership of the task force.*

3. *Members shall serve without compensation, except that members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses, pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, incurred in the performance of their duties.*

(3) *Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.*

(4) *The task force shall review and evaluate the issues identified in paragraph (2)(a) and take public input and testimony concerning the issues. A report of the recommendations and findings of the task force shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2008, and the task force shall be abolished upon the transmittal of the report.*

(5) *Pending completion of the Legislature's review of the task force's report and to ensure that fire prevention and safety standards are uniform, a new permanent retail sales facility engaged in sales otherwise permitted under s. 791.07, Florida Statutes, may not be opened in this state after March 8, 2007, unless the permanent retail sales facility has*

received site-plan approval and construction has begun on or before March 8, 2007; the number of permits for temporary retail sales facilities, such as tents, engaged in sales otherwise permitted by s. 791.07, Florida Statutes, which are

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for CS for SB 1372** as amended was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

CS for CS for SB 1226—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a merit award program for district school board employees; creating s. 1012.225, F.S.; establishing the Merit Award Program for instructional personnel and school-based administrators; requiring that a district school board adopt a Merit Award Program plan in order to receive funding under the program; authorizing charter schools to participate in the program or adopt an alternative plan; providing for the plan to be subject to ch. 447, F.S., relating to collective bargaining; providing for the reversion of funds that are not distributed when a district or charter school chooses not to adopt a plan; providing a formula for disbursing merit-based pay supplements to high-performing employees; requiring each school district to document to the Department of Education the district's expenditures under its plan; requiring that undisbursed funds be remitted to the department; providing that the merit-based pay supplements are in addition to other salary adjustments; providing requirements for assessing instructional personnel and school-based administrators which include evaluating student performance; requiring district school boards to inform employees of the criteria for evaluations under the plan; requiring the department to provide technical assistance to school districts in developing program plans and to disseminate best practices; requiring each participating district school board to submit its plan to the Commissioner of Education for review; requiring the commissioner to identify required revisions in a district's plan; requiring that any revision made to a plan be reviewed by the commissioner; requiring each school board to annually document its compliance to the Commissioner of Education; requiring a report to the Governor and the Legislature; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; requiring school districts to be able to administer end-of-course examinations with certain exceptions; amending s. 447.403, F.S.; providing a procedure for resolving an impasse with respect to a dispute involving a Merit Award Program Plan; requiring that a specified portion of general revenue funds revert to the General Revenue Fund; repealing a specified portion of Specific Appropriation 91 in s. 2, ch. 2006-25, Laws of Florida; providing an appropriation and specifying purposes; repealing s. 3, ch. 2006-26, Laws of Florida, relating to an implementing provision for the Special Teachers Are Rewarded performance pay plan (STAR Plan); repealing s. 1012.22(1)(c)4., F.S., relating to a performance-pay policy for school administrators and instructional personnel; suspending rules adopted by the State Board of Education which are in conflict with such provisions; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Gaetz moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (314232)—On page 10, lines 10-18, delete those lines and insert:

(c) *If the district school board is the public employer and an impasse is declared under subsection (1) involving a dispute of a Merit Award Program Plan under s. 1012.225, the dispute is subject to an expedited impasse hearing. Notwithstanding subsections (3), (4), and (5), and the rules adopted by the commission, the following procedures shall apply:*

1.a. *The commission shall furnish the names of seven special magistrates within 5 days after receiving notice of impasse. If the parties are unable to agree upon a special magistrate within 5 days after the date of the letter transmitting the list of choices, the commission shall immediately appoint a special magistrate. The special magistrate shall set the hearing, which shall be held no later than 15 days after the date of appointment of the special magistrate. Within 5 days after the date of appointment of a special magistrate, each party shall serve upon the special magistrate and upon each other party a written list of issues at impasse.*

b. *At the close of the hearing, the parties shall summarize their arguments and may provide a written memorandum in support of their positions.*

c. *Within 10 days after the close of the hearing, the special magistrate shall transmit a recommended decision to the commission and the parties.*

d. *The recommended decision of the special magistrate shall be deemed accepted by the parties, except as to those recommendations that a party specifically rejects, by filing a written notice with the commission and serving a copy on the other party within 5 days after the date of the recommended decision.*

2. *If a party rejects any part of the recommended decision of the special magistrate, the parties shall proceed directly to resolution of the impasse by the district school board pursuant to paragraph (4)(d).*

Amendment 2 (112716)—On page 15, line 12, delete “subsection” and insert: *paragraph*

Amendment 3 (144134)—On page 15, lines 22-28, delete those lines and insert: *447.403, Florida Statutes, the procedures set forth in s. 447.403(2)(c), Florida Statutes, as created by this act, shall apply. School districts receiving funds under this section*

On motions by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote **CS for CS for SB 1226** as amended was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed and then immediately certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Mr. President	Dockery	Margolis
Alexander	Fasano	Oelrich
Aronberg	Gaetz	Peaden
Atwater	Garcia	Posey
Baker	Geller	Rich
Bennett	Haridopolos	Ring
Bullard	Hill	Saunders
Carlton	Jones	Siplin
Constantine	Joyner	Storms
Crist	Justice	Villalobos
Dawson	King	Webster
Deutch	Lawson	Wilson
Diaz de la Portilla	Lynn	Wise

Nays—None

By Senator Gaetz—

CS for CS for SB 1232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career and professional education; amending s. 1003.491, F.S.; creating the Florida Career and Professional Education Act for the purpose of improving academic performance and responding to the state's workforce needs; requiring that district school boards develop strategic plans to address and meet local and regional workforce needs; requiring that all school districts establish a career and professional academy by a specified date; providing additional requirements for each school board's strategic plan; requiring that the State Board of Education establish a process to review newly proposed core secondary courses; requiring a curriculum review committee; providing for the membership of the committee; requiring that approved courses be added to the Course Code Directory; providing for an appeal if a proposed core course is denied; amending s. 1003.492, F.S.; providing for coordination between career and professional academies and industry; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules using the expertise of Workforce Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida, Inc.; requiring the Department of Education to collect and analyze data concerning student achievement and performance; providing requirements for such analysis; requiring that the department report the results of the analysis annually to the Legislature; deleting obsolete provisions concerning a study by the department; amending s. 1003.493, F.S.; redefining the term “career and professional academy” to mean a program that integrates an academic curriculum with an industry-specific curriculum; requiring public schools and school districts to offer career and professional academies; revising the goals of and requirements for a career and professional academy; requiring the Department of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors of the State University System, to establish a mechanism for transferring credits to postsecondary institutions; requiring that a career and professional academy provide opportunities for students to attain the

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award; requiring that career courses lead to industry certification; requiring that specified percentages of students achieve certification or college credit in order for a course to continue to be offered; requiring the Okaloosa County School District CHOICE Institutes to advise and assist newly established career and professional academies; repealing s. 1003.494, F.S., relating to the Career High-Skill Occupational Initiative for Career Education (CHOICE) academies; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; providing for calculating the value of full-time equivalent student membership for students enrolled in a career and professional academy program; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Gaetz moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (820102)—On page 6, lines 2-8, delete those lines and insert: *Futures Scholarship*;

(m) *Strategies to ensure the review of district pupil-progression plans and to amend such plans to include career and professional courses and to include courses that may qualify as substitute courses for core graduation requirements and those that may be counted as elective courses; and*

(n) *Strategies to provide professional development for secondary guidance counselors on the benefits of career and professional academies.*

Amendment 2 (201862)—On page 15, lines 11-14, delete those lines and insert: *student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes an industry-certified career and professional academy program under s. 1003.492 and who is issued an industry certificate. Such value shall be*

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for SB 1232** as amended was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

MOTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTEE REFERENCE

On motion by Senator Haridopolos, by two-thirds vote **SB 2758** was withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

On motion by Senator Wilson, by two-thirds vote **SB 2266** and **SB 2812** were withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

On motion by Senator Garcia, by two-thirds vote **SB 1846** was withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

On motion by Senator Fasano, by two-thirds vote **SB 288**, **SB 290**, **SB 294**, **SB 304** and **SB 310** were withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

On motion by Senator Baker, by two-thirds vote **SB 1298** was withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

MOTION TO INTRODUCE BILL

On motion by Senator King, Rules 3.7 and 4.81 were waived and the following bill was introduced notwithstanding the fact that the final day had passed for introduction of bills:

By Senators Hill, Wilson, Siplin, Joyner, Bullard, Lawson and Dawson—

SB 2968—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing an appropriation to compensate the estate of Martin Lee Anderson, deceased minor child of Robert Anderson and Gina Jones, parents and natural guardians of Martin Lee Anderson, jointly, for the wrongful death of Martin Lee Anderson, which was due to the direct actions of the Bay County Sheriff's Office, an agent of the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing conditions for payment; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Responsible Regulation Policy and Calendar Committee submits the following bills as the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, March 21, 2007: **CS for CS for SB 392**, **CS for CS for CS for SB 1372**

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Constantine, Chair

The Social Responsibility Policy and Calendar Committee submits the following bills as the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, March 21, 2007: **CS for CS for SB 1226**, **CS for CS for SB 1232**

Respectfully submitted,
Burt L. Saunders, Chair

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: **SB 606**; **SB 1006** with 1 amendment; **SB 2014**

The bills were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass: **SB 1644**

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: **SB 1616** with 2 amendments

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 1178**

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends the following pass: **SB 160**; **SB 1456** with 2 amendments

The bills were referred to the Committee on General Government Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: **SB 746**

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass: **SB 2424** with 1 amendment; **SB 2426** with 1 amendment

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: **SB 690**

The Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: **SB 1614** with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations under the original reference.

The Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: **SB 278** with 4 amendments

The bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass: **SB 1862** with 1 amendment

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 1748

The bill was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries under the original reference.

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends the following pass: SB 90 with 1 amendment

The Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 1448

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 1638; SB 1824

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1786

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 432

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 92

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on General Government Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 264

The Committee on Commerce recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 2422

The Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1630

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 110; SB 266

The bills with committee substitutes attached were referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1954

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Higher Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1782

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1678

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries under the original reference.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

SB 2918—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a tax credit for research and development expenses; creating s. 220.194, F.S.; providing legislative intent regarding a state research and development tax credit; defining the terms “base amount,” “business enterprise,” and “qualified research expenses”; providing a tax credit for businesses having qualified research expenses; providing that the tax credit is 10 percent of the excess over the base amount; providing that the credit taken in any one taxable year may not exceed a certain amount; providing that any unused credit may be carried forward for up to 10 years following the close of the tax year in which the qualified expenses were incurred; providing that any unused credit may be assigned or sold to another taxpayer under certain conditions; providing for a maximum credit amount; requiring the Department of Revenue to adopt rules and guidelines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce; Finance and Tax; and General Government Appropriations.

Senate Bills 2920-2966—Not referenced.

By Senators Hill, Wilson, Siplin, Joyner, Bullard, Lawson and Dawson—

SB 2968—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing an appropriation to compensate the estate of Martin Lee Anderson, deceased minor child of Robert Anderson and Gina Jones, parents and natural guardians of Martin Lee Anderson, jointly, for the wrongful death of Martin Lee Anderson, which was due to the direct actions of the Bay County Sheriff's Office, an agent of the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing conditions for payment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claims Bills.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Finance and Tax; and Senators Baker, Fasano and Haridopolos—

CS for SB 92—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hurricane preparedness; creating s. 212.0807, F.S.; providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for sales of certain tangible personal property for certain periods; providing an exception for sales within a public lodging establishment, theme park, entertainment complex, or airport; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; providing an expiration date; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Hill, Justice, Argenziano, Peaden, Bullard, Wise, Dawson, Siplin, Bennett, Posey, Storms, Joyner, Lynn, Margolis, Jones and Lawson—

CS for SB 110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; creating the “Senator Les Miller Act”; creating ss. 627.64091 and 627.6418, F.S.; and amending s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring that health insurance policies, group health insurance policies, and health maintenance contracts provide coverage for an annual screening for prostate cancer for men of a specified age or older; providing requirements for the screening; providing that coverage for prostate cancer screening does not limit diagnostic benefits otherwise allowed under the policy; amending s. 627.6515, F.S.; providing for the benefit requirement to apply to a group health insurance policy issued or delivered outside the state; providing a finding that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing for application of the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Geller—

CS for SB 264—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance regulation; amending s. 20.121, F.S.; providing for the functions relating to insurance regulation to be located within the Department of Financial Services; creating the Division of Insurance Regulation within the department; abolishing the Office of Insurance Regulation under the Financial Services Commission; repealing obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Baker and Peaden—

CS for SB 266—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicare supplement policies; amending s. 627.672, F.S.; redefining the term “Medicare supplement policy” for purposes of part VIII of ch. 627, F.S., to exclude a health insurance policy or other health benefit plan that is offered by one or more employers to employees or former employees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce; and Senator King—

CS for SB 432—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 311.22, F.S.; revising funding for certain dredging projects; amending s. 320.20, F.S.; revising the distribution of license tax moneys deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund for the funding of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program and certain seaport intermodal access projects; requiring the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council to submit a list of certain freight mobility projects to the Department of Transportation; requiring that the council and the department agree upon the projects selected for funding; requiring the department to include the selected projects for funding in the tentative work program; providing that refunding bonds shall be issued by the Division of Bond Finance at the request of the department; providing for funding the construction of wharves and docks; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security; and Senators Hill and Dockery—

CS for SB 1630—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the United States Marine Corps license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising authorized allocation of the annual use fee; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Constantine, Webster and Atwater—

CS for SB 1638—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gift certificates and similar credit items; creating s. 501.95, F.S.; defining the terms “credit memo” and “gift certificate”; prohibiting a gift certificate or credit memo sold or issued for consideration in this state from having an expiration date, expiration period, or any type of postsale charge or

fee imposed on the gift certificate or credit memo; providing certain exceptions; creating s. 717.1045, F.S.; providing that the holder of an unredeemed gift certificate or credit memo is not required to report the unredeemed gift certificate or credit memo as unclaimed property to the Department of Financial Services; providing that the consideration paid for an unredeemed gift certificate or credit memo is the property of the issuer, subject only to any rights of a purchaser or owner and is not subject to a claim made by any state acting on behalf of a purchaser or owner; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Haridopolos—

CS for SB 1678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limited insurance licenses; amending s. 624.501, F.S.; providing appointment fees for motor vehicle rental insurance agents; creating s. 624.6082, F.S.; defining the term “travel insurance”; amending s. 626.321, F.S.; providing for limited licenses to transact travel insurance; specifying authorized entities; specifying applicable coverage; providing limitations; providing requirements for training; providing for limited licenses to transact motor vehicle rental insurance; specifying authorized entities; specifying applicable coverage; providing limitations; providing application requirements; providing responsibilities of licensees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Baker—

CS for SB 1782—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alternative procedures for resolving disputed insurance claims; amending s. 627.7015, F.S.; providing a nonadversarial alternative dispute-resolution procedure for handling marine insurance claims; requiring the Department of Financial Services to adopt by rule a marine insurance mediation program to be administered by the department or its designee; requiring that mediators in the case of marine insurance policies be certified by The Florida Bar in admiralty and maritime law or have certain other experience and training in that area; defining the term “marine insurance” for purposes of the alternative procedures for dispute resolution; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Posey—

CS for SB 1786—A bill to be entitled An act relating to auctioneering; amending s. 468.385, F.S.; providing a fingerprint requirement to qualify for auctioneer and auctioneer business licenses; revising application requirements for licensure as an auction business; providing for ineligibility of certain persons and auction businesses to reapply for licensure; requiring the Florida Board of Auctioneers to adopt rules relating to auction business financial responsibility; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Fasano—

CS for SB 1824—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mortgage brokering and lending; amending s. 494.001, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 494.0014, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Financial Regulation to impose fines; amending s. 494.0029, F.S.; authorizing the office to take certain adverse actions on permits of certain mortgage business schools; providing additional requirements for such schools; amending s. 494.00295, F.S.; providing an additional professional continuing education requirement; authorizing the office to offer professional continuing education programs; specifying requirements for electronically transmitted and distance education courses; amending s. 494.0033, F.S.; revising mortgage broker license applicant requirements; authorizing an additional fee for reviewing mortgage broker's license tests; providing for review of the testing process; amending s. 494.0038, F.S.; providing additional disclosure requirements for mortgage brokerage businesses; amending s. 494.004, F.S.; specifying an additional notification requirement for mortgage broker licensees; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 494.0041, F.S.; specifying additional acts constituting grounds for certain disciplinary actions; providing for fines and

penalties; amending s. 494.0064, F.S.; providing additional requirements for renewals of mortgage lender's licenses; amending s. 494.0067, F.S.; providing additional requirements for mortgage lender licenses; providing disclosure requirements; amending s. 494.0072, F.S.; specifying additional acts constituting grounds for certain disciplinary actions; providing fines and penalties; amending s. 494.0073, F.S.; providing for application of certain provisions to mortgage brokerage businesses; providing for adoption of rules by the Financial Services Commission; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries—

CS for SB 1954—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 562.11, F.S.; clarifying the prohibition against allowing a person younger than 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages at premises licensed to sell alcohol; amending s. 322.056, F.S.; providing that the penalty of suspending or revoking a driver's license or privilege for the offense of unlawfully serving alcoholic beverages to a person younger than 21 years of age applies to persons older than 18 years of age; amending s. 1001.02, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to annually report the occurrence of alcohol abuse on college and university campuses; providing requirements for the report; requiring that the report be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature; amending ss. 1001.64 and 1001.74, F.S.; requiring that the board of trustees at each community college and university establish a plan for reducing and eliminating alcohol abuse at the community college or university; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce; and Senator Ring—

CS for SB 2422—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; creating s. 288.9630, F.S.; creating an exemption from public-records requirements for proprietary confidential business information derived from state-supported research projects held by the SURE Venture Capital Fund or the Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research; providing an exemption from public-meetings requirements for portions of meetings of the board of directors of the SURE Venture Capital Fund at which confidential information is presented or discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST READING

The Honorable Ken Pruitt, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS for CS for HB 41, CS for HB 333, HB 697, HB 7003, HB 7007; has passed as amended HB 7005; has adopted as amended HCR 7011 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

William S. Pittman III, Chief Clerk

By Representative Kravitz and others—

CS for CS for HB 41—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; requiring life sentences for certain second or subsequent offenders; amending s. 794.0115, F.S.; adding offenses to dangerous sexual felony offender law; requiring mandatory minimum life sentences for certain offenders; creating s. 775.0847, F.S.; providing enhanced penalties for certain sexual offenses; providing mandatory minimum sentences; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

By Representative Lopez-Cantera and others—

CS for HB 333—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead exemption; amending s. 196.075, F.S.; revising the amount of the additional homestead exemption for low-income seniors in accordance with the amendment to s. 6(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution adopted at the 2006 general election; providing for adjustments for the 2007 tax roll only; providing for retroactive effect; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; and Finance and Tax.

By Representative Snyder and others—

HB 697—A bill to be entitled An act relating to DNA testing; amending s. 943.325, F.S.; revising offenses for which a conviction requires the person convicted to provide biological specimens in specified circumstances; correcting a reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations.

By the Rules and Calendar Council; and Representative Rivera—

HB 7003—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.0451, 39.5085, 39.6013, 39.6221, 61.076, 63.032, 110.1155, 112.32151, 163.370, 166.271, 171.205, 189.4155, 195.096, 196.012, 201.0205, 202.24, 205.1975, 212.08, 213.053, 213.0535, 215.82, 218.64, 220.181, 220.183, 250.01, 250.82, 250.84, 252.35, 255.25001, 259.1053, 260.016, 287.0574, 288.039, 288.1045, 288.106, 288.90151, 290.0057, 290.0072, 320.77, 322.2615, 328.64, 331.312, 331.313, 331.316, 331.319, 331.324, 336.68, 341.840, 366.93, 370.063, 375.065, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.307, 376.3071, 376.3075, 376.30781, 376.3079, 376.308, 376.309, 376.313, 376.315, 376.317, 376.82, 376.84, 380.06, 380.23, 381.028, 400.0073, 400.0074, 400.0075, 400.506, 402.164, 403.091, 403.5175, 403.526, 403.5271, 403.528, 403.7043, 403.708, 408.036, 408.802, 408.803, 408.806, 408.820, 408.832, 409.1685, 409.221, 409.908, 409.912, 409.91211, 419.001, 421.49, 429.07, 429.35, 429.69, 429.73, 429.903, 429.909, 429.915, 429.919, 435.03, 435.04, 456.072, 458.348, 458.3485, 459.025, 482.242, 483.285, 489.127, 489.128, 489.131, 489.532, 497.461, 499.029, 500.511, 501.016, 501.143, 501.160, 509.233, 516.05, 551.101, 559.939, 607.0130, 607.193, 620.2113, 620.2118, 620.8911, 624.5105, 626.022, 626.171, 626.935, 626.9912, 627.351, 627.6617, 633.0245, 679.4031, 679.707, 727.109, 736.1001, 736.1209, 743.09, 775.21, 794.056, 817.36, 827.06, 847.001, 849.09, 849.15, 921.0022, 933.07, 943.0435, 943.325, 944.606, 944.607, 984.19, 985.483, 985.565, 1001.25, 1001.73, 1002.01, 1002.20, 1002.335, 1003.51, 1004.28, 1008.33, 1008.345, 1011.62, 1011.71, 1012.21, 1012.22, 1013.11, and 1013.721, F.S.; reenacting and amending s. 215.559, F.S.; reenacting ss. 316.006 and 1008.22, F.S.; and repealing ss. 253.421, 253.422, 288.1231, 288.1232, 288.1233, 288.1235, 288.1236, 288.1237, and 947.022, F.S.; pursuant to s. 11.242, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; confirming the restoration of provisions unintentionally omitted from republication in the acts of the Legislature during the amendatory process; and conforming to the directive of the Legislature in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes without substantive change in legal effect; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Rules and Calendar Council; and Representative Rivera—

HB 7007—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the official Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2007 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that

the Florida Statutes 2007 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the 2006 regular session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2007 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the January 16-22, 2007, special session and the 2007 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Rules and Calendar Council; and Representative Rivera—

HB 7005—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 29.0086, 29.014, 120.551, 215.18(2), 216.181(17), 218.503(6), 253.034(6)(f)2., 287.057(14)(b) and (25), 339.135(8), 375.041(6), 394.76(3)(b)2., 402.305(2)(g), 420.0005(2), 420.36(4)(d), 497.161(1)(g), 499.0051(2)(a), 499.0121(6)(d) and (e), and 1004.065, F.S., all of which provisions have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), may be omitted from the 2007 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending s. 29.008, F.S., to conform to the repeal of s. 29.0086, F.S.; and amending ss. 499.003, 499.005, 499.012, 499.0121, 499.01211, 499.0122, 499.014, and 499.051, F.S., to conform to the repeal of s. 499.0121(6)(d) and (e), F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Rules and Calendar Council; and Representative Rivera—

HCR 7011—A concurrent resolution adopting the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature and amending Joint Rule One, relating to lobbyist registration and compensation reporting, and Joint Rule Seven, relating to the organization and duties of the Legislative Budget Commission.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of March 7, 15 and 20 have been corrected and approved.

CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Aronberg—CS for CS for SB 392; Atwater—SB 1646, SB 1654; Baker—SB 1744; Bullard—SB 8, CS for CS for SB 392, SB 1218, CS for CS for CS for SB 1372; Crist—SB 366; Dawson—SB 646; Dockery—SB 1646, CS for SB 1776; Lynn—CS for CS for SB 392; Wilson—SB 138, SJR 202, SB 204, CS for SB 450, SB 1156, SB 1646, SB 1744, SB 2120

RECESS

On motion by Senator King, the Senate recessed at 11:07 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 22 or upon call of the President.